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SUBJECT: GIL EVANS ORCHESTRA

REF: SEOUL 2590, SEOUL 3037

1. POST DEEPLY REGRETS INFORM DEPT THAO SPONSOR DECIDED
WITHDRAW SPONSORSHIP GIL EVANS ORCHESTRA CONCERT AFTER REVIEWING
BACKGROUND MATERIAL AND RECORDS. DUE STRINGENT DIRECTIVES
PASSED EARLIER IN THE YEAR TO RESTRICT AVANT-GARDE ARTS (AND
THINGS AVANT-GARDE IN GENERAL INCLUDING LONG HAIR), PERFORMING
ARTS EVENTS AND MASS MEDIA ARE UNDER TIGHT GOVERNMENT SCRUTINY
AND SELF-IMPOSED CENSORSHIP. SPONSOR FEARED MUSIC PLAYED BY
GIL EVANS ORCHESTRA MIGHT STIR PUBLIC CONTROVERSY IN PRESENT
CULTURAL CLIMATE.

2. POST EMBARRASSED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT BUT MUST ASK DEPT
CANCEL ORCHESTRA SEOUL VISIT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES.
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